

Friends,

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With summer officially upon us and our local schools out, I hope that everyone will be able to enjoy all the activities that our community has to offer. As always, thanks for all the great feedback on the newsletter.

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov. You can also find me on Facebook and Twitter.



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Tallahassee National Cemetery

Last month the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs officially dedicated a new national cemetery in Leon County. The cemetery will be Florida's ninth national cemetery and the 132nd nationwide. The Tallahassee National Cemetery is on Apalachee Parkway at March Road, about 2-miles east of Capital Circle.

The initial phase will develop 40 acres of the 250-acre property and include 6,000 grave sites. With more than 83,500 military veterans living in a 75-mile radius of Tallahassee. the cemetery will serve these veteran's, their spouses and eligible dependents.

The new cemetery property is bounded by Apalachee Parkway on the north and Old St. Augustine Road on the south.

In conjunction with the Veterans Administration we were able to hold early meetings with residents from Timberlake and the Grassroots Community, and I believe that the VA cemetery will be a good neighbor in District 5.

Fire Hydrants in the Unincorporated Areas

During the May 26th Commission meeting, we approved new criteria and a priority list of new hydrants that are slated to be installed over the next several years. The Commission set aside \$100,000 each year to address the needs for these additional hydrants in the unincorporated areas of the County.



The criteria used to prioritize locations included:

- 1) The water system's ability to support hydrant placement and provide a maximum flow of 500 gallons per minute, while maintaining 20 pound per square inch of pressure for an extended period;
- 2) The distance between the proposed new hydrant location and hydrants already in place. Areas that lacked hydrants were given priority;
- 3) Locations that provide the greatest number of homes or nearby businesses;
- 4) Geographic diversity.

Based on the cost per hydrant (approx. \$6,500 each), the County should be able to install 15 new hydrants per year. To view the entire list, click here.

We realize there are additional needs for hydrants throughout the county and particularly in District 5, where the proper infrastructure may not already in place. We will continue to address these needs, and look forward to using a portion of the Blueprint sales tax extension funds for these infrastructure upgrades.



Have a Plan. Be Prepared for Hurricane Season

June marks the beginning of the 2015 hurricane season and Leon County wants residents to be prepared. Make sure that you have a plan for you, your family and even your pets.

Leon County, along with the City of Tallahassee, the Sheriff's Office, the Capital Area Chapter American Red Cross and the National Weather Service-Tallahassee office, have compiled a website with helpful information to assist you in your preparations. Be sure to download the 2015 Hurricane Survival Guide that is designed to help residents develop a family

disaster plan.

Information is also available at the Leon County Emergency Information Portal.

Events in the Community

June 4 - DOMI Station One-Year Anniversary Celebration at DOMI Station (6:00pm)

June 4 - FSU College of Music Summer Band Concert at FSU's Owen Sellers Amphitheatre (8:00pm)

June 5 - Kraft Nissan Sundown Summer Concert Series: The New 76ers w/ Two Foot Level at Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park (FREE)

June 5-8 - Tallahassee Latin Dance Festival at Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

June 11-13 - 18th Annual Florida African Dance Festival at Tallahassee Community College and Florida A&M University.

June 12-14 - Summer Baseball Tournament / 2015 Tournament of Champions at Chiles High School

June 19-28 - Young Actors Theatre presents: 42nd Street at the Young Actors Theatre

June 20 - T.O.U.R. Guide: Historic Capitol Museum & St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

June 23 - Leon County Senior Outreach: Chaires-Capitola Lunch & Learn at Dorothy C. Spence Community Center (10:30am-12:30pm)

June 27 - Leon County's Press the Chest, CPR 2015 at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center (10:00am-12:00pm)

June 27 - ARTOPIA 2015 at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center (7:00pm)

Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

June 9, 2015

3:00pm: County Commission Meeting (view the Commission agenda [here]

6:00pm: Public Hearings:

- 1) Second and Final Public Hearing to Adopt Proposed Revisions to the Bradfordville Chapter 163 Development Agreement
- 2) First of Two Public Hearings to Consider Proposed Revisions to the Leon County Land Development Code to Amend the Rural Zoning District
- 3) First of Two Public Hearings on a Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Stormwater Standard for the Lake Jackson Basin

June 23, 2015

9:00am: Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Workshop

3:00pm: County Commission Meeting (view the Commission agenda [here]

6:00pm: Public Hearing: Refinancing of Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds

The Leon County Commission generally meets every other Tuesday at 3pm on the 5th Floor of the County Courthouse. (Commission schedules and agendas are listed here.) Residents can view live coverage of Commission meetings on Comcast channel 16 or steam it live through the County's website. All meetings are open to the public.

Helpful Links and District 5 Amenities

Online Services
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Leon County Libraries
Leon County Parks
Tallahassee/Leon County Nature Trails (Trailahassee)



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